



**MONDAY, MAY 14, 2018
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION
OF THE CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA**

1. CALL TO ORDER

A Regular Meeting of the Public Safety Commission was called to order by Chair Daigle on Monday, May 14, 2018, at 8:30 a.m., in the Fire Department EOC Room, located at 817 Mound Avenue, South Pasadena, California.

ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners: Vernon René Daley, Jeremy Ding, Robert Ettinger, Grace Liu Kung and Luis Reinoso; Chair Ellen Daigle, Vice-Chair Greg Hall.

Officials

Present: Councilmember/City Council Liaison Diana Mahmud, Police Captain/Staff Liaison Michael Neff, Fire Chief/Staff Liaison Paul Riddle, Acting Public Works Director/Staff Liaison Rafael Casillas, and Management Aide/Recording Secretary Kim Kha. Other staff members presented reports or responded to questions as indicated in the minutes.

Absent: Police Chief/Staff Liaison Arthur Miller.

2. APPROVE MINUTES OF APRIL 9, 2018 MEETING

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER DALEY, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER DING, CARRIED 7-0, to approve the Minutes of the April 9, 2018 Public Safety Commission Regular Meeting.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

4. COUNCIL LIAISON COMMENTS

Councilmember Mahmud provided update on meeting with Councilmember Joe, City Manager Wolfe, and Fire Chief Riddle in regards to the traffic study and the high hazard hill areas, noted progress in moving forward and the focus outreach to affected homeowners by Fire Chief Riddle, expressed concerns with recent fires and upcoming high fire season.

In response to Chair Daigle's request for follow up, Fire Chief Riddle noted that the pinch points and the high hazard areas were brought to the Public Safety Commission and the Public Works Commission, followed by public outreach and recommendation of a traffic study, discussed the three phase approach in addressing the high hazard hill areas, noting that phase one, vegetation management, will work closely with Public Works Department in abating brush, trees, and vegetation that are impacting emergency response routes, phase two will focus on alleviating the pinch points, areas where navigating the fire trucks and ambulance up in the hills make it challenging and difficult, and phase three, a low priority, will look into more efficient use of street space and parking to improve traffic flow.

Acting Public Works Director Casillas follow up with progress, noted that majority of vegetation obstructing access were in public's right of way as Councilmember Mahmud stated, noted Commissioner Reinoso's suggestion for curb ramps to alleviate tight curves and damage to emergency vehicles.

5. DISCUSSION ON CARDIAC DEFIBRILLATORS CURRENTLY IN-USE BY FIRE DEPARTMENT - RIDDLE

Fire Chief Riddle discussed the defibrillators used by the Fire Department, explained the two unique features of the defibrillator, Real CPR and See-Thru CPR; Real CPR Help allows first responders to give the highest quality of cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) by visually providing data feedback on the rate and depth of each chest compressions; See-Thru CPR allows first responders to accurately see and analyze the heart rhythm without having to stop CPR, this also reduces the time of pauses during compressions; it also monitors and provides data such as 12-lead ECG (electrical activity of heart), blood pressure, carbon dioxide, oxygen in blood, respiratory, etc, it allows first responders to quickly identify if a patient has a ST-Elevation Myocardial Infarction (STEMI), a life-threatening heart attack, it is the first defibrillator with Wi-Fi, Bluetooth, and USB capabilities which sends real-time data to receiving hospitals awaiting for patient to the emergency room or the cath lab; informed the high success rate of patient survival to which the South Pasadena Fire Department was named the 2017 Mission: Lifeline Gold Award Recipient by the Los Angeles County Emergency Medical Services Agency, an award for the highest standard given to Emergency Medical Services (EMS) for prompt recognition, intervention and treatment of patients with signs of cardiac arrest.

Police Captain Neff discussed the AED defibrillators used by the Police Department, noted that one is brought along when there is Police training, especially in remote locations; Chief Riddle explained that the automated external defibrillator (AED) is a portable device that checks the patient's heart rhythm and verbally informs when a shock is needed, usually when the heart stops or has arrhythmias (abnormal heartbeat).

6. FOLLOW UP ON LOCAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN (LHMP) - RIDDLE

Fire Chief Riddle explained that the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP) is a five year plan that looks at potential hazards to the community and the proactive steps to mitigate and accomplish emergency response and recovery in the event of a disaster, noted that the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 required Cities to develop mitigation plans in order to be eligible for FEMA funds, informed that the LHMP was presented to the Public Safety Commission and the Planning Commission, and is currently on the City's website for review and public comments, noted that it will go to City Council on June 20th for public hearing, and then to CAL OES and FEMA for final approval.

7. FOLLOW UP ON TRAFFIC CONCERNS ON VIA DEL REY - MILLER

Police Captain Neff informed that twelve speeding violations and seven cellphone violations have been issued since March, advised that complaints received regarding street conditions are referred to the Public Works Department and the Public Works Commission.

Acting Public Works Director Casillas observed street improvements that have been made including regulatory signs, the speed feedback sign, the posted speed limit sign of 25 mph from previous 35 mph, and the newly slurried seal road work done by Southern California Edison, noted ongoing Police enforcement and public outreach for safe driving, will continue to monitor road conditions and work with Police Department.

In response to Commissioners' questions, advised that it is an arterial road (main) and an access route for neighborhoods, which limits having traffic calming measures in place based on the State of California Government Code and the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO), considered Commissioners' suggestions but advised more research is needed before installing traffic calming measures, will continue to review reports and monitor conditions, noted Public Works will take hold of issue and bring to Public Works Commission to discuss further, will update residents on progress.

8. FOLLOW UP ON GOLD LINE CROSSING ARMS DOWN DURING POWER OUTAGES - MILLER

Chair Daigle recalled the powerful winter windstorm of 2011, which left many damages to properties, trees, and power outages, noted that Police Chief Payne reported that most of the Police resources were diverted to the railroad crossings.

Police Captain Neff informed that Police Chief Miller, City Manager Wolfe, and Councilmember Cacciotti recently attended a meeting with the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) discussing emergencies and responses, informed of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's commitment to safety and security including more manpower during emergencies and disasters.

Acting Public Works Director Casillas noted that he had worked with MTA on the Gold Line extension and is familiar with their traffic engineering design team, will follow up with MTA on improvements made since 2011, will also follow up with Police and Fire regarding the recent power outages affecting the railroad crossings due to the rain, noted that Gold Line section in South Pasadena was in the early phase but the newer extension on the Gold Line are up to date and operates on its own power with safety features in place in the event of an incident.

9. FOLLOW UP ON NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH SUPPORT LETTER FROM CHIEF MILLER - NEXT STEPS

Chair Daigle noted that Police Chief Miller had sent out a letter to participants who have signed up for the Neighborhood Watch Program at the "South Pasadena Police and Fire Department Open House" back in September 17, 2017, reported that no one had responded, will send out a final letter on behalf of the Public Safety Commission in hopes of getting a response.

10. STAFF LIAISON COMMENTS

Fire Chief Riddle informed that Lilita Farruggia-Torres, Community Services Supervisor and Senior Citizen Commission Staff Liaison, will be present at the next meeting to discuss how Senior Citizen Commission can partner with Public Safety Commission in CERT, Neighborhood Watch, Map Your Neighborhood, and any other resources, noted discussion on developing a database of senior citizens in case of an emergency and disaster.

Police Captain Neff provided update on the two recent crimes involving a Lyft driver and the random shooting on Fremont Avenue, noted crimes are still low, thanked Commissioner Daley for his positive input on the Police Department's predictive policing.

11. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Ding reported his attendance at the Alta Vista Neighborhood Watch meeting, noted that Police Detective Lee and the Fire Department was on hand presenting emergency preparedness and public safety; suggested proactive steps in assisting and guiding homeowners with information on vegetation management especially when involving power lines and fire hazards.

Fire Chief Riddle noted upcoming Neighborhood Watch meeting on Beech Street with Fire Department presenting emergency preparedness and public safety; welcomed all requests for Fire Department to attend and do presentation, informed that when disaster hits, City will be limited in its response, noting citizens need to be prepared in handling emergency disaster and recovery.

Commissioner Reinoso provided update on Map Your Neighborhood, noted that the program is no longer on the American Red Cross website, will follow up on any changes; commended the Police Department for their support at the senior prom, making sure there were no incidents.

Commissioner Kung informed that the last day of school is June 5th, noting that students are completing tests for Math and the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP).

Chair Daigle provided newspaper clippings, urged everyone to subscribe to the South Pasadena Review and the San Marino Tribune, noting informative news; noted on San Marino's implementation of a Public Safety Commission by Fire Chief Rueda, invited Public Safety Commissioner Pete Lawford to South Pasadena's Public Safety Commission meetings; noted public safety report for Women Involved in South Pasadena Political Action (WISSPA); reported on the May 2nd meeting hosted by South Pasadena Amateur Radio Club (SPARC) with guest speaker Dr. John Vidale, professor in the Dept of Earth Sciences, spoke on earthquakes.

12. ADJOURNMENT

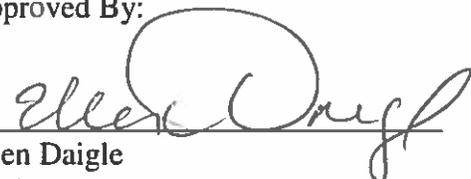
Chair Daigle adjourned the meeting at 10:00 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted:



Kim Kha
Recording Secretary

Approved By:



Ellen Daigle
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